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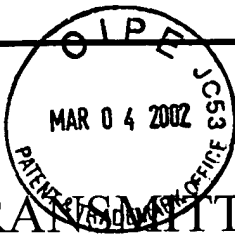
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patents and publications are enclosed.

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☒ (1) within three (3) months of the **filing date** of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), or within three (3) months of the **date of entry of the national stage** as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing of the **first Office action** on the merits, or before the mailing of a **first Office action** after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; or
- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and
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- ☐ (3) after the mailing date of a **final action** or **notice of allowance** but before the payment of the **issue fee**, **AND**



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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

#### STATEMENT

As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), Applicant(s), through the undersigned, hereby state either that [check the appropriate space only if either (2) or (3) is checked on the previous page and the Statement is required]:

- ☐ 1. Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application **not more than three months** prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; or
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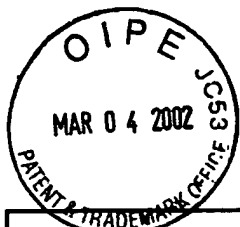


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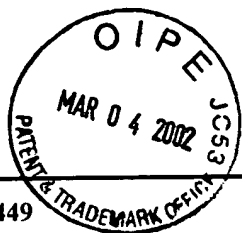
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	A3	Des. 260,428	8/25/81	Fekete	D24	29	3/15/79		
	A4	Des. 265,124	6/22/82	Terk	D24	29	3/19/79		
	A5	Des. 266,589	10/19/82	Gilford et al.	D24	31	11/6/78		
	A6	Des. 382,347	8/12/97	Grubb	D25	52	6/4/96		
	A7	Des. 413,391	8/31/99	Lapeus et al.	D24	227	2/5/98		
	A8	Des. 413,677	9/7/99	Dumitrescu et al	D24	229	11/26/97		
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	A14	3,973,915	8/10/76	Raffaele et al.	23	259	8/14/74		
	A15	4,022,579	5/10/77	Revillet et al.	23	259	11/12/75		
	A16	4,178,345	12/11/79	Terk	422	61	2/8/78		
	A17	4,226,531	10/7/80	Tiffany et al.	356	246	8/29/77		
	A18	4,313,735	2/2/82	Yamashita et al.	23	230	8/22/80		
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	A25	5,092,672	3/3/92	Vanderwerf	353	102	6/7/91		
	A26	5,084,246	1/28/92	Lyman et al.	422	101	10/28/86		
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	A28	5,164,318	11/17/92	Sato et al.	435	288	11/15/90		
	A29	5,233,506	8/3/93	Semenik et al.	361	814	2/21/92		
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